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Title: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A POWER SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
HAVING A VOLTAGE SUSTAINING LAYER WITH A TERRACED  
TRENCH FACILITATING FORMATION OF FLOATING ISLANDS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment and remarks: